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Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose information material to the examination of this application as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, copies of the following publications are cited (and submitted, where required):

- (1) German provisional publication DE 101 30 159 A (1/16/03);
- (2) German patent DE 197 53 427 C1 (2/4/99);
- (3) United States patent 6,760,111 (7/6/04);
- (4) United States patent 5,469,257 (11/21/95);
- (5) United States patent 6,014,217 (1/11/00);
- (6) United States patent 5,465,149 (11/7/95);
- (7) United States patent 5,926,275 (7/20/99); and

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(8) German patent DE 196 29 260 C1 (2/26/98).

Each of documents "1" and "2" and its relevance to the claimed invention is discussed in the application filed herewith. Document "3" is an English language version, and thus a translation of document 2. Documents 1 through 5 were cited in the International Search Report issued May 3, 2004 in International publication WO 2004/038329 (of International patent application PCT/EP03/010328) dated May 6, 2004. The present application represents the U.S. National phase of the International application.

Documents 1 and 2 are cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report issued August 3, 2004 in PCT/EP03/010328. The International Preliminary Examination has yielded a positive indication with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability on the basis of the International application as filed.

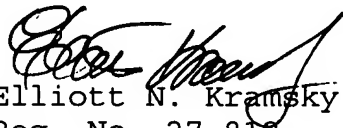
Each of documents "6" through "8" (document 6 being the English language equivalent, and therefore translation, of German DE 695 10 776 A1 and document 7 being the English language equivalent, and therefore translation, of German DE 698 01 435 A1) was cited by the German Patent Office examiner in an office

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action issued August 4, 2003 in German patent application 102 45 540.6 from which the present invention claims Convention priority (through International patent application PCT/EP03/010328). A Decision to Grant was issued in the German patent application on April 19, 2004.

While the art is cited herein in accordance with the Applicants' duty of candor, none of such art, either alone or in combination with any other known prior art is believed to render the invention of the present application unpatentable.

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